## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

THE PUBLIC INTEREST LEGAL : FOUNDATION, :

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Plaintiff,

v. : NO. 1:18-CV-00463

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ROBERT TORRES, in his official : CHIEF JUDGE CONNER

Capacity as Acting Secretary of the :

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and : ELECTRONICALLY FILED

JONATHAN M. MARKS, in his official :

Capacity as the Commissioner of the : Bureau of Commissions, Elections and :

Legislation, :

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Defendants. :

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## DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS PURSUANT TO FED. R. CIV. P. 12(b)

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Defendants Robert Torres, Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Jonathan M. Marks, Commissioner of the Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation, by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby move to dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint pursuant to Rule 12(b)(1) and (6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. In support of this Motion, Messrs.

Torres and Marks rely on their supporting memorandum of law which will be filed within 14 days pursuant to Rule 7.5 of the Local Rules of Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 21, 2018

## **CERTIFICATE OF NONCONCURRENCE**

I, Daniel T. Brier, hereby certify that I sought the concurrence of counsel for Plaintiff, Linda A. Kerns, Esquire, in this Motion. Ms. Kerns does not concur.

/s/ Daniel T. Brier

Date: March 21, 2018

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Daniel T. Brier, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion To Dismiss was served upon the following counsel of record via the Court's ECF system on this 21st day of March, 2018:

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